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a Carder

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the first office action, please amend the instant application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the attached amended paragraphs of pages 1, 2-3, 5 and 6 for the corresponding paragraphs of the literal translation. Please add the attached Abstract of the Disclosure to the specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 through 10 of the literal translation are cancelled.

Please add the attached new claims 11-21 to the specification.